

PUBLIC LAUNDRIES FOR HONGKONG

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a report of the Sanitary Commission

change is made—as we presume it will be made—every one will be taken to avoid any unnecessary or profitable inconvenience to the public or hardship to the washmen. The latter should be given most distinctly to understand that there was no intention on the part of the authorities to harass or worry them, or in any way to handicap them in the discharge of their duties with their customers. Eventually they will find themselves the gainers by the policies which the public laundries will put them for doing their work expeditiously and well.

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From the Surveyor-General's remarks we learn that it is intended the Tyam water should be supplied up to the level of the Police Road, but it has never been contemplated to pump up the water to supply the Robinson Road. With filtering beds at Pokfulam it was expected that this expedient would be deemed more than ever unnecessary; for there is no difference per se in the quality of the water from Tyam and that from Pokfulam, the only difference being caused by the Tyam water being slightly brackish. The Pokfulam water is not only brackish for some months ago mixed with earth washed down from building sites at the Peak. It is understood that precautions against contamination from this cause are to be taken and it will be working at that time. It will then be a matter of difficulty to the householder whether he is supplied from the secure or the other. Meantime the Tyam service only supplies the town up to the level of Hollywood Road, and cannot rise higher. The larger main for Tyam being provided for its use, the Surveyor-General is of opinion that it rises a little higher than the Police Road, because when the Pokfulam water was temporarily stopped the supply to the Police Quarters, where the hon. gentleman's residence was, was not interrupted, and he supposes it came from Tyam. Formerly, when the supply of water was cut off, the residents were supplied with water from the Police Road, and unless this has been cut off lately and the Tyam water laid on, it was probably the Police water that Mr. Brown was using. Whatever water be used, every one should do his best to note what the Colonial Surgeon has to say on the subject. This morning the hon. gentleman has been told that the water used for bathing purposes, and after this is a valuable article which should be carefully treasured up. No doubt, especially

ONE DOLLAR BANKNOTES IN
HONGKONG

issuable chopped dollar as its principal currency for every day has it is impossible to say; but we hope the Chamber of Commerce will continue to agitate the subject until some improvement is achieved. In the meantime a reliable British dollar, which it appears it is now useless to hope for, a sufficient supply of dollar notes will be continued and grown every day more so. If the Government sees objections to allowing the issue to be made by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, then it is its duty to be indifferent to arrange for an issue of its own. What valid objection there can be, however, we find it difficult to understand, although of course theoretically it might be the case that the whole note issue was in the hands of the Government. We have to be reminded, however, that things as they are, and, consequently, offered by the Bank to the public, are not the note issue, but a practically absolute, the note issue constituting a first charge on the Bank's assets and the liability of shareholders to this particular being unlimited. The bank is willing to supply the public requirement, but the Government, while doing nothing to meet the supply itself, refuses permission. This is a state of things which ought not to be allowed to continue. It is better to have a note issue issued by a British dollar, one dollar notes being as desirable, in view of their greater circulation, than when the currency is issued wholly of reliable chopped dollars. It was a long time ago that chopped dollars were earning almost an absolute necessity, but now they are earning less and less, and it is a public generally experience great inconvenience.

The Committee appointed by the Singa

Medical Officers alone possessed the knowledge which would be so valuable for the Committee's investigation into the relative condition of the inmates of the Chinese and Native hospitals and since the repeal of the Ordinance of 1882, and the fact that without such investigation the Government's collecting of statistics as to the increase of disease would be little more than a guess, the Committee considered that the purpose for which it was appointed could no longer be fulfilled. The President of the Council said that "under the circumstances they had better give it up." The Committee, however, hoped in the war against the mischievous influence of opium that Singapore as well as other places of a most important safeguard of the public health. The *Singapore Free Press*, however, still presses for action. The Government, it urges, is in full possession of information as to civil hospitals, dispensaries, and the Chinese navy, and that what the Municipal Council should do is to forward a statement or memorial to the Governor, embodying the statement of the civil medical practitioners, and asking the Governor to refer, in support

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tion might succeed, and it is in that direction that the opponents of the present sys-

H. MICHOLSON SANITARY BOARD.

meeting of the Sanitary Board was held on the 8th instant. There were present:—
S. Brown, Surveyor-General, President;
N. G. Micholson, Esq., Acting Registrar-
General, Hon. Weng Shing, Dr. A. Ross, Colonial
Magistrate, Mr. N. J. Ede, Dr. Ho Kai, and Mr.
McCallum, Secretary.

MINUTES.
The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.
A letter from the Acting Colonial Secretary
was acknowledging receipt of the resolution
passed by the Board at its last meeting with re-
spect to the attempt to enforce the collection
of the sewerage rates and the correspond-
ing connected thereto.

**MR. DANBY AND LEIGH AND THE SANITARY
SUBSIDY.**
In following correspondence, which had been
submitted amongst the members, was laid on the
table—

Hongkong Board Room,
Sunday, 24th October, 1889.
SIR, Adverting to your letter of the 7th
inst. and previous correspondence regarding the
Sanitary Board, I am directed by the Board to
inform you that the amount payable by the
Sanitary Board has, as to three of the instances
mentioned, and that as the 4th instance Mr. Cooper
on shows not to be payable by him, as he is
not a resident. I am also to add that the Board
cannot charge should have been made without
any ground. I am, &c.,
H. M. McCallum, Secretary.

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of which I am a member, to acknowledge the receipt
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at purpose," should at the same time have another resolution that the charges made by a without sufficient grounds.

PRESIDENT—As you have all seen this president, and as I think at the last meeting of us were of opinion the matter pretty well washed out, we may now as read.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.—The mortality statistics for the weeks ended October 26 and 2nd November were laid on table.

THE MONTH'S SUMMARY.—Following report by the Sanitary Superintendent on the work done by the staff during the month was presented, and was ordered to be printed.

WORKS.—This section of sanitation will be dealt with by the Surveyor in his quarterly reports and food supplies.—This section of sanitation will be dealt with by the Inspector of Live stock, and the Inspector of Public Health. In Central, and Western health districts of routine work has been of importance outside the district.—A record of the cases of typhoid fever and cholera in the districts under the charge of the districts which are now being in my Office.

The first of time had to be given to dealing the starting of the new Commissioners.—Although the Controller had to meet many matters of importance, he was able to attend the bi-monthly meeting of the 15th October, and five of his books were either disabled or damaged, he was unable to attend the meeting.

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Secretary. I can reply now to a part of the
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present instance all that has had to be done has been to check the former returns and to make such corrections as may be required. The work which have taken place since 1885, however, is somewhat extensive. As an illustration, I will mention that in 1885 there were two distinct washing places above the town, and giving employment to about 50 men, and only 18 giving employment to 25 men in the same place.

WORK IN GARRISON LAUNDRY
The work in Garrison Laundry, which is situated on the hill-sides, collected and carried to the mill-race, is what is known as the "rags" which are formed in the streams. As a rule the "rags" are dried on the hill-sides adjoining the mill-race, and are then carried to the town, where they are sold to the owners. The "rags" are made of various parts of the town, and are made of various materials, such as iron, brass, copper, etc., and are used for various purposes.

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highlanders, who died on the 3rd inst. from water received from a fall at Murray Barracks following evidence taken at the house.

...siding, and that this was the only fall-
...siding when the fact was mentioned to him
...falling down, across some stairs
...half past eleven, and the door was
...with a railing across it about 3 feet
...h. Outside this door is a fall of six
...et on to a stone landing. He is supposed
...the door thinking it was the
...the next to the bars, and fallen over
...to the stone landing. The door is
...wall and is placed there for ventilation.
...or by which he should have gone out was
...no same distance from the deceased's bed
...I know the deceased. He was a sober
...d, ducted, tall.

...John Jackson, handman in the A. & S.
...nders, said:—On the 23rd October about
...m. I was in a room talking to an
...nd I heard a heavy fall. I struck
...nd went out of my room, and found the
...lying in the passage on the second fl.
...him up to bed. So far as I know that
...fully fall he had. The next morning at
...ck he was taken to the hospital.

...nd that W. Welch, a friend of the
...am acquainted with him in charge of
...ch he fell. They are 2ft. 4in. in height,
...high enough for ordinary purposes of
...I have no observations to make on the

...Corporal found the man came by his
...identally.

**FATAL FIRE IN WANCHAI,
HONG KONG.**

OFFICIAL INQUIRY.

...inquiry was held at Mr. Murray on the
...by Hon. H. E. Wedderburn. The dis-
...as attending the recent fire in No. 7,
...which, resulted in the death of an
...Chinese.

father and brother were there. We were
when we were awakened by cries of "fire".

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n to the fire. From the information I
I felt certain that the woman was in the
From what I saw...

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CRICKET.

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It became known in Hongkong that an
had been received from Shanghai for
a of the Hongkong Cricket Club.

generous offer on the part of Messrs. Peterson & Co., who have done so liberally and successfully in the support of, obviated any difficulty that might have arisen on this account; and it was on their *Tai Sang* that the Eleven, or to be exact the nine, eventually embarked on the 24th, Coxon and the other two following day by the French steamer *Ulysse*, and the French frigates, the conquests of Alexander the Great, have all been said or sung more or less recently and variously. But the expedition of the Eleven to the Looe Islands takes proper place under the efforts of heroism and flounder, and assured that though no flounder may be taken to enlighten the struggle in this time will come, and an establishment of all right thinking men (the latter) will be worthily chronicled in the future we may look forward to the teachings of Coxon and his crew will be elevated to the level of the Sun myth. To return to the *Tai Sam* were soon set at sea by the general captain Jackson, to whose courtesy on the pleasantness of the voyage great matters were of moment, he desired us to make ourselves at home, much at home we made ourselves, accompanied by a few friends attending men off to whom he offered some encouragement and advice before joining the launch, and the new *Tai Sam* was a very eloquent and well chosen sail, to cover the side of the vessel at the weight. We wish we could recall it, as they were the last well chosen sail produced for the new *Tai Sam* to get dry and a half an hour plain sailing, to congratulate ourselves in anticipatory passage. Nothing occurred to belie

but that the boatmen were the best
ple in the world, taking as a stand-

ing operation. We have all read of the difficulty of relieving an army, and of the disasters which have sprung from such disasters, calculated on the insufficiency of the army. In the light of present experience, it is evident that an army is hungry and thirsty; we should say, in a day, would eat very little of an army; and we should have to make the third of an army cut pocket. We do not know what is in time of war, but in time of peace always require to be supplied with pickled onions soon after it is served very simply, the man the plate taking the highest piece, and next nearest the highest piece, and so on. These remarks do not scientific branch of the Service, really talk about eleven; this is not a regulation as a consequence of the fraternized with the twelfth, class clipped in, forming a haphazard. In the morning we were the first of the day, and the son of 'And to corrie'—to use of 'least' which it meant, but we all good old Brumby' and got up; in always marmoring good old some-thing followed, and the

men who were strong and well visited the sick and sorrow, and told them what we had had and how much better off they did than we. We couldn't bring anything up for them they generally replied that they obliged if we could keep things quiet, but that up to them to manage for themselves. I had devoted to light literature and the like, Smith's analysis on one occasion follows: "This is a very fine overboard, one Chinaman and the rest of the Captain's compliments and the rest is not a bear garden." "Hill, Hill, Hill too, brought us to the water's edge, and after a few minutes we would perhaps give their ever-gravely, Mr. Framwell into the Master to Mr. Platt's Quartermaster, a known point of the water, and with shouts of laughter and to the younger Matilda would be remarkable and laughable trick of the water and draw water, and the water of much innocent narrative period Matilda had not shown of a habit which he developed on in Shanghai, and putting the water and assuring them that the night." On one occasion Ramadon on wheel chairs, which is a mistake, "He was about it before we reached Shanghai, the country, the day passed and the water never less than six or seven, and the board of the captain as he always yelled it is a constant of indifference. After and told him we mean stories and had seen, and of the things we had done. After a few days we would begin some yarn about innocent boy," then the captain would blurt out and leave the matter to us with a good deal of emphasis, "I'm afraid here," "I'm afraid" at the end of which there was a string up of small pieces of paper and if any one had got a pencil in hand, and Matilda had put of paper into their pockets and

